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Lack of BSNL Network
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lack of proper network of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has become a serious problem in Jharkhand and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the condition of network of BSNL particularly in the left wing extremism affected districts such as Palamu, Garhwa, Latchar, Chatra, etc. is very pitiable and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government is taking measures to solve this network issue and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Mobile services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is meeting the Quality of Service (QoS) parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for Jharkhand in all quarters so far.

(b) The network of BSNL particularly in the left wing extremism affected districts is meeting the QoS parameters of TRAI in all quarters so far. The details of available towers in the four districts is as under:

S.No.	District	Number of Towers working
1	Palamu	128
2	Garhwa	59
3	Latchar	86
4	Chatra	54

Further, BSNL has installed 782 new towers in left Wing Extremism affected areas of Jharkhand in the recent past including these four districts.

(c) In order to augment the existing mobile network in Jharkhand, BSNL is adding another 34 new towers in Left Wing Extremism affected areas during financial year 2017-18.

Further, initiatives are being taken to strengthen the network backhaul by hiring reliable media from PGCIL (Power Grid Corporation of India Limited) and Railtel, and new Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) is being laid for redundant media provisioning for better service.

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